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<p>(54) Title: METHOD, ARRANGEMENT AND USE FOR APPLYING A SPACER TO AN IMPLANT BY MEANS OF A SCREW</p>		
<p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>A spacer (2) is secured in an implant (4) by means of a screw (3) which extends through the spacer and whose head cooperates with a tightening and locking surface in the spacer. Before the screw is screwed in, the said screw and the spacer are supported by a holder which, together with the spacer and the screw, forms a rotationally fixed unit. The thread of the screw is screwed into the thread (4c) of the implant by means of rotating or screwing movements (8) of the unit. When, during screwing, the bearing surface (2a) of the spacer comes into cooperation with a corresponding top surface of the implant, the holder is removed from the spacer and the screw, after which the screw head is exposed for possible further tightening.</p>		